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H. R. 3329

To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of a prisoner-of-war medal to civilian employees of the Federal Government who are taken captive, by armed forces or agents of a foreign government hostile to the United States, during war or under wartime conditions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Civilian Prisoner-of-
5 War Medal Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRISONER-OF-WAR MEDAL FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOY-**
2 **EES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 45 of title 5, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “SUBCHAPTER IV—MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS

7 “§ 4531. **Prisoner-of-war medal**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall issue a pris-
9 oner-of-war medal to any employee who—

10 “(1) while such employee was serving in a posi-
11 tion or performing one or more functions in support
12 of military personnel under circumstances described
13 in any paragraph of section 1128(a) of title 10 (as
14 determined by the President), or

15 “(2) under circumstances (other than those to
16 which paragraph (1) applies) which the President
17 finds to have been comparable to those under which
18 members of the Armed Forces have generally been
19 held captive by enemy armed forces during periods
20 of armed conflict,

21 was forcibly taken and held captive by armed forces or
22 agents of a foreign government hostile to the United
23 States.

24 “(b) DESIGN.—The prisoner-of-war medal shall be of
25 appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances.

1 “(c) NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—Not more than one
2 prisoner-of-war medal may be issued to a person under
3 this section. However, for each succeeding service that
4 would otherwise justify the issuance of such a medal, the
5 President may issue a suitable device to be worn as the
6 President determines.

7 “(d) ELIGIBILITY.—For a person to be eligible for
8 issuance of a prisoner-of-war medal, the person’s conduct
9 must have been honorable for the period of captivity which
10 serves as the basis for the issuance, and such captivity
11 must not have been the result of any willful misconduct
12 on the part of such person.

13 “(e) ISSUANCE TO A REPRESENTATIVE.—If a person
14 dies before the issuance of a prisoner-of-war medal to
15 which the person is entitled, the medal may be issued to
16 that person’s representative, as designated by the Presi-
17 dent.

18 “(f) REPLACEMENT.—Under regulations prescribed
19 by the President, a prisoner-of-war medal that is lost, de-
20 stroyed, or rendered unfit for use without fault or neglect
21 on the part of the person to whom it was issued may be
22 replaced without charge.

23 “(g) COORDINATION.—The regulations of the Presi-
24 dent may include provisions for the coordination of this
25 section with section 1128 of title 10 in the case of any

1 individual with service justifying the issuance of a medal
2 under this section and service justifying the issuance of
3 a medal under such section 1128.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
5 ter 45 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER IV—MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS

“4531. Prisoner-of-war medal.”.

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
9 as of April 6, 1917, and shall apply to persons taken cap-
10 tive on or after that date.

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